

§ 641.412 Equipment.

Equipment purchased by a State grantee with title V funds prior to July 1, 1989, shall be subject to 29 CFR 97.32.

§ 641.413 Audits.

Each grantee is responsible for complying with the Single Audit Act of 1984 (31 U.S.C. 7501 *et seq.*) and 29 CFR part 96, the Department of Labor regulation which implements Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments"; or OMB Circular 133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Nonprofit Institutions", as appropriate.

§ 641.414 Grant closeout procedures.

Grantees shall follow the grant closeout procedures at 29 CFR 97.50 or 29 CFR 95.71, as appropriate. As necessary, the Department shall issue supplementary closeout instructions for all title V grantees.

§ 641.415 Department of Labor appeals procedures for grantees.

(a) This section sets forth the procedures by which the grantee may appeal a SCSEP final determination by the Department relating to costs, payments, notices of suspension, and notices of termination other than those resulting from an audit. Appeals of suspensions and terminations for discrimination shall be processed under 29 CFR part 31, 32, or 34, as appropriate.

(b) Appeals from a final disallowance of cost as a result of an audit shall be made pursuant to 29 CFR part 96, subpart 96.6.

(c) Upon a grantee's receipt of the Department's final determination relating to costs (except final disallowance of cost as a result of an audit), payments, suspension or termination, the grantee may appeal the final determination to the Department's Office of Administrative Law Judges, as follows:

(1) Within 21 days of receipt of the Department's final determination, the grantee may transmit by certified mail, return receipt requested, a request for a hearing to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, United States Department of Labor, 800 K Street, NW., room 400 N, Washington, DC 20001 with a copy to the Department official who

signed the final determination. The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall designate an administrative law judge to hear the appeal.

(2) The request for hearing shall be accompanied by a copy of the final determination, if issued, and shall state specifically those issues of the determination upon which review is requested. Those provisions of the determination not specified for review, or the entire determination when no hearing has been requested, shall be considered resolved and not subject to further review.

(3) The Rules of Practice and Procedures for Administrative Hearings Before the Office of Administrative Law Judges, set forth at 29 CFR part 18, shall govern the conduct of hearings under this section, except that:

(i) The appeal shall not be considered a complaint; and

(ii) Technical rules of evidence, such as the Federal Rules of Evidence and subpart B of 29 CFR part 18, shall not apply to any hearing conducted pursuant to this section. However, rules designed to assure production of the most credible evidence available and to subject testimony to test by cross-examination shall be applied where reasonably necessary by the administrative law judge conducting the hearing. The certified copy of the administrative file transmitted to the administrative law judge by the official issuing the final determination shall be part of the evidentiary record of the case and need not be moved into evidence.

(4) The administrative law judge should render a written decision no later than 90 days after the closing of the record.

(5) The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute final action by the Secretary of Labor unless, within 21 days after receipt of the decision of the administrative law judge, a party dissatisfied with the decision, or any part thereof, has filed exceptions with the Secretary of Labor specifically identifying the procedures, fact, law, or policy to which exception is taken. Any exception not specifically urged shall be deemed to have been waived. Thereafter, the decision of the administrative law judge shall become the decision of the Secretary unless the